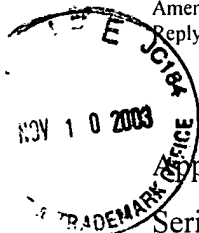


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AMENDMENT pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed June 10, 2003, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expired on September 9, 2003. A petition and fee for a two month extension of time is included with this response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.